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COMMISSIONER

November 2, 2004
Subject: Pownal
Project No. BR-1106(100) X
PIN: 11061.00
Bid Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to your Bid Documents:

Add the attached one page entitled "Special Provision Section 105 General Scope of Work (Environmental Requirements) dated 9/28/04.

Add the attached one page entitled "Special Provision Section 203 Excavation and Embankment (Dredge Materials)" dated 26 October 2004.

Add the attached one page entitled "Special Provision Section 403 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay" dated September 23, 2004.

Add the attached three pages entitled "Special Provision Section 620 Reinforcement Geogrid" dated September 2004.

Add the attached two pages entitled "Special Provision Section 652 Maintenance of Traffic (Traffic Control)" dated September 29, 2004.

Add the attached two pages entitled "Special Provision Section 656 Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control" dated September 20, 2004.

Add the attached one page entitled "Permits & Cultural Resources Unit Summary Sheet".

Add the attached one page entitled "(DEP) Permit by Rule Notification Form" (For use with DEP Regulation, Chapter 305).

Add the attached eight pages entitled "Chapter 305: Permit by Rule Section 11".



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Add the attached one page entitled "Department Of The Army"- "Maine Programmatic General Permit (PGP) Authorization Letter and Screening Summery".

Add the attached one page entitled "Additional Conditions for Department of the Army Programmatic General Permit No. NAE-2004-2985".

Add the attached twenty-two pages entitled "Department of the Army Programmatic General Permit State of Maine" dated 9/29/00.

Consider these changes prior to submitting your bid on November 10, 2004.

Sincerely,

 FOR
Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer

Town: Pownal
PIN #: 11061.00
Date: 9/28/04

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 105
General Scope of Work
(Environmental Requirements)

In-water Work shall not be allowed between the dates of 10/2 and 6/30.
(In-water work is allowed from 7/1 to 10/1.)

Water body Name(s) with Station #: Chandler Brook

Special Conditions: In-Water work shall be conducted during low flows. Replacement culverts shall be installed with their inverts at or below existing stream bed grade to avoid “hanging” and associated impediments to fish passage.

In-Water work consists of any activity conducted below the normal high water mark.

All activities are prohibited (including placement and removal of cofferdams) below the normal high water mark and non low flow conditions during the In-Water work window restriction, except for the following:

- Work within a sealed and dewatered cofferdam. Maintenance pumping within a sealed cofferdam is also allowed.

No construction activity, whether temporary or permanent, is allowed that completely blocks a river, stream, or brook without providing downstream flow.

The contractor shall abide by all permits and conditions.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 203
EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT
(Dredge Materials)

Description: Dredge Material (See MDOT Standard Specifications § 101.2) is regulated as a Special Waste.

The Dredge Material from the Kushman Bridge site contains less than 15% fines (material passing the # 200 sieve) and, provided it is used on the site of generation, is exempt from Beneficial Use Permits.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Management and Disposal: The contractor shall use all Dredge Materials excavated at the Kushman Bridge Project as Construction Fill in the Kushman Bridge site.

Method of Measurement: Dredge Material will be measured by the cubic meter of material removed.

Basis of Payment: Dredge Material Beneficially Used will be paid for at the contract unit price bid for Structural Excavation.

Payment shall be full compensation for excavation, dewatering, managing, transporting, and placement.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>		<u>Pay Unit</u>
206.061	Structural Earth Excavation	cubic meter

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 403
HOT MIX ASPHALT OVERLAY

Desc. of Course	Grad. Design	Item Number	Bit Cont. % of Mix	Total Thick	No. Of Layers	Comp. Notes
<u>Mainline Travelway and Shoulders</u>						
Wearing	12.5 mm	403.208	N/A	1 ½ "	1	4,9,17
Base	12.5 mm	403.213	N/A	1 ½ "	1	4,9,17

COMPLEMENTARY NOTES

4. The design traffic level for mix placed shall be 0.3 to <3 million ESALS.
9. Section 106.6 Acceptance, (2) Method C
17. The density requirements for mainline are as per Specification 401.203, Method C

Tack Coat

A tack coat of emulsified asphalt, RS-1 or HFMS-1, Item 409.15 shall be applied to any existing pavement at a rate of approximately 0.025 gal/yd², and on milled pavement approximately 0.05 gal/yd², prior to placing a new course. A fog coat of emulsified asphalt shall be applied between shim / intermediate course and the surface course, at a rate not to exceed 0.025 gal/yd².

Tack used between layers of pavement will be paid for at the contract unit price for Item 409.15 Bituminous Tack Coat.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 620
REINFORCEMENT GEOGRID

Description

This work shall consist of furnishing and installing reinforcement geogrid in accordance with these specifications and in reasonably close conformity with the lines, grades, and dimensions shown on the plans or as directed by the Resident.

Material

Geogrids shall consist of a regular network of integrally connected polymeric tensile elements with aperture geometry sufficient to permit significant mechanical interlock with the surrounding soil, aggregate or other material. The geogrid structure shall be dimensionally stable to retain its geometry under construction stresses and shall have high resistance to damage during construction, ultraviolet degradation, and all forms of chemical and biological degradation encountered in the soil being reinforced.

The reinforcement geogrid shall meet or exceed the Minimum Average Roll Values (MARV) of the properties in Table 1.

Acceptable manufacturers for reinforcement geogrids must be approved by the Resident.

Table 1. - Physical Property Requirements
(Biaxial Reinforcement Geogrid)

Reinforcement Mechanical Property	Geogrid	Test Method	Minimum Average Roll Value (MARV) ¹
Tensile Modulus at 5% Strain MD		ASTM D-6637	12,000 lb/ft
Tensile Modulus at 5% Strain XD		ASTM D-6637	24,000 lb/ft
Rib Junction Strength		GRI-GG2	1,000 lb/ft in both directions
Aperture Openings			Between 0.75 and 3 inches
Percent Open Area			50 to 80%

Certification

Prior to construction the Contractor shall submit to the Resident the Manufacturer's certification that the geogrid supplied has been evaluated in full compliance with this Specification and is fit for long-term, critical soil reinforcement applications. The Contractor's submittal package shall include, but not be limited to, actual tests for tension/creep, durability/aging, construction damage, and quality control tensile testing.

Delivery, Storage and Handling

The Contractor shall check the reinforcing geogrid upon delivery to ensure that the proper material has been received. Each geogrid roll shall be shipped in a protective bag and clearly marked with roll number, lot number, geogrid style and principle strength direction. During all

¹ Values are minimum average roll values determined in accordance with ASTM D-4759.

periods of shipment and storage, the geogrid shall be protected from temperatures greater than 140°F and all deleterious materials that might otherwise become affixed to the geogrid and affect its performance. The manufacturer's recommendations shall be followed with regard to protection from direct sunlight. The geogrid shall be stored off the ground in a clean, dry environment out of the pathway of construction equipment.

Construction Requirements

Reinforcement geogrid shall be installed, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, to the proper elevation and alignment, as shown on the plans or as directed by the Resident.

1. The geogrid shall be laid at the proper elevation and alignment as shown on the plans. The Contractor shall verify correct orientation of the geogrid. Geogrid may be temporarily secured in-place with staples, pins, sand bags or backfill as required by fill properties, fill placement procedures, or weather conditions, or as directed by the Resident.
2. Reinforcement geogrid shall be oriented such that the roll length runs parallel to the construction centerline.
3. Adjacent rolls of reinforcement geogrid shall be overlapped a minimum of 1 foot.
4. Lengths of reinforcement geogrid shall be continuous, splicing along the length will not be allowed.
5. Seams along adjacent lengths of reinforcement geogrid shall be tied together with hog rings or cable ties every 3 to 6 feet.
6. The reinforcement geogrid shall be anchored at each end, and pulled taut, to reduce any considerable slack, as directed by the Resident.
7. Fill shall not be dumped directly onto the Reinforcement Geogrid or Reinforcement Geotextile. It shall be dumped at the edge of Reinforcement Geogrid/Reinforcement Geotextile or on a previous course of fill with a minimum compacted depth of 8 inches.
8. The geogrid shall be covered with fill materials within 14 days of placement to protect against unnecessary exposure.
9. Fill may then be pushed onto the reinforcement geogrid using a track mounted bulldozer. At no time shall construction equipment be allowed directly onto the reinforcement geogrid. Track mounted equipment shall be allowed on previous courses of fill with a minimum compacted depth of 8 inches. Smooth drum roller compaction equipment shall be allowed on previous courses of fill with a minimum compacted depth of 8 inches and spread fill with a minimum depth of 12 inches, loose measure. At no time shall rubber tired or sheeps-foot rollers be allowed onto the reinforced fill. Turning of vehicles should be kept to a minimum to prevent tracks from displacing the fill and damaging the geogrid. Sudden breaking and sharp turning shall be avoided. Equipment speeds over 15 MPH shall not be allowed.
10. Placement, spreading, and compaction of soil on top of the reinforcement geogrid shall advance from one end of the reinforcement geogrid and move towards the other. Care shall be taken to minimize the

development of wrinkles and to ensure that the reinforcement geogrid doesn't move from its position during fill placement. Limited stacking may be permitted, as directed by the Resident.

11. Fill shall be compacted as specified in (1) the Standard Specifications or (2) to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density determined in accordance with AASHTO T-180, whichever is greater. Density testing shall be made at a minimum frequency of one (1) test per lift or as otherwise specified in the Standard Specifications.

12. During construction the surface of the fill shall be kept approximately horizontal. Fill shall be graded away from the slope crest and rolled at the end of each work day to prevent ponding of water on surface of the reinforced soil mass.

13. Any geogrid damage shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The Contractor, at no additional cost to the Department, shall replace any geogrid damaged during installation.

14. Rutting may develop within the initial granular lift but rut depths should not exceed 3 inches. It may be necessary to decrease the size and/or weight of the construction equipment or increase the thickness of the granular lift if rut depths of 3 inches or less cannot be maintained.

15. All rutting formed during construction shall be filled with new base material. In no case shall rutting be filled by blading down

Method of Measurement

Reinforcement Geogrid measurement will be by the square yard of material installed. Incidental overlaps for connections, splices, etc. are not included in the pay item.

Basis of Payment

Reinforcement geogrid placement will be paid for at the Contract unit price per square yard which shall be full compensation for all off-loading, inspection, storage, labor, materials, equipment, tools and any incidentals to complete the installation.

Pay Item	Description	Pay Unit
620.65	Reinforcement Geogrid	Square Yard

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 652
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
(Traffic Control)

652.1 Description. The following paragraph is added:

The Contractor will be required to provide a traffic control plan to the Resident within ten days after award. The Contractor shall provide a Traffic Control Supervisor who will be responsible for providing traffic control management in compliance with the contract and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including supervision of personnel for the installation, inspection, maintenance, and removal of all traffic control devices on the project. Work under this pay item will also include construction signing, channelization devices, and temporary pavement markings and removal.

652.2.2 Signs. The following paragraph is added:

Signing for the work on roads to be used for detours shall be shown in the Traffic Control Plan (TCP). Signs, except when tripod mounted, shall be placed on breakaway posts.

652.3.6 Installation of Traffic Control Devices. The following paragraph is added:

Traffic Control Devices include but are not limited to the following:

- Flashing Arrow Board
- Type I Barricade
- Type II Barricade
- Type III Barricade
- Temporary Concrete Barrier Type I
- Drums
- Cones
- Temporary Raised Pavement Markings
- Temporary Pavement Markings

Temporary concrete barriers shall conform to the requirements of Section 526. Continuous temporary barrier shall be used to separate traffic from the construction as approved by the Resident. When the barrier is used as bridge rail, the barrier shall be attached to the deck. The attachment shall be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer and submitted for approval.

652.3.6 Traffic Control. The following paragraph is added:

The road may be closed to traffic during construction. When traffic lanes are less than 3.4 m wide, wide loads shall be detoured around the site and shall be shown on the Traffic Control Plan. The Traffic Control Plan shall be approved by the Resident and Division Traffic Engineer in Scarborough. Copies of the Traffic Control Plan shall also be submitted to the towns of Berwick, Maine.

All construction work shall be confined to the lanes closed to traffic. The Contractor shall keep all paved areas of the roadway clear at all times. Flaggers are required whenever construction vehicles are entering or leaving the through traffic stream. The flaggers shall be authorized only to control the Contractor's vehicles when entering traffic or to prevent traffic from following the contractor's leaving the traffic stream.

Driveway Access. Access to all driveways within the construction zone shall be maintained during construction. If work requires temporary driveway closure, the closure shall be coordinated with all the owners and approved by the Resident.

652.7 Method of Measurement. This entire Subsection is revised to read:

Work Zone Traffic Control, including Contractor's Traffic Control Plan; Traffic Control Supervisor; furnishing, installation and maintenance of traffic control devices; and application and removal of temporary striping shall be measured as one lump sum for all work authorized and performed.

Granular materials used to maintain traffic will be paid for as provided in Subsection 105.4.2 - Use of Granular Materials.

652.16 Basis of Payment. This entire Subsection is revised to read:

Work Zone Traffic Control will be paid for **under the Pay Item 652.39 Work Zone Traffic Control –Lump Sum.** Payment will be full compensation for the Traffic Control Plan; Traffic Control Supervisor; traffic control devices; removing and resetting traffic control devices and maintenance thereof; for installation and removal of temporary striping as necessary; placement and removal of temporary pavement as necessary, and for signs and maintenance thereof.

Maintenance of signs includes: replacing devices damaged, lost, or stolen, and cleaning and moving as many times as necessary throughout the life of the contract, regardless whether the work areas or projects are geographically separated or not separated.

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 656
Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control

The following is added to Section 656 regarding Project Specific Information and Requirements. All references to the Maine Department of Transportation Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control (a.k.a. Best Management Practices manual or BMP Manual) are a reference to the latest revision of said manual. The "Table of Contents" of the latest version is dated "1/19/00" (available at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/mainhtml/bmp/bmpjan2000.pdf>.)

Procedures specified shall be according to the BMP Manual unless stated otherwise.

Any and all references to "bark mulch" or "composted bark mix" shall be a reference to "Erosion Control Mix" in accordance with *Standard Specification, Section 619 - Mulch*.

Project Specific Information and Requirements

The following information and requirements apply specifically to this Project. The temporary soil erosion and water pollution control measures associated with this work shall be addressed in the SEWPCP.

- 1). This project is considered **SENSITIVE** in accordance with the BMP Manual. The project is located on Chandler Brook. The Chandler Brook is rated Class B for water quality and its watershed is listed as an NPS Priority Watershed by the Maine DEP. The Contractor's SEWPCP shall comply with Section II.B., Guidelines for Sensitive Waterbodies in the BMP Manual.
- 2). Stream flow shall be maintained at all times.
- 3). The SEWPCP shall describe the containment method used for replacement of the culverts, including installation of cofferdams and dewatering procedures.
- 4). A cofferdam sedimentation basin is required if cofferdams are used. The basin shall be located in an upland area where the water can settle and seep into the ground or be released slowly to the resource in a manner that will not cause erosion. The location of such a cofferdam sedimentation basin shall be addressed in the SEWPCP.
- 5). Demolition debris (including road fill) shall be contained and shall not be allowed to discharge to any resource. Containment and disposal and/or reuse of demolition debris shall be addressed in the Contractor's SEWPCP.
- 6). Newly disturbed earth shall be mulched by the end of each workday. Mulch shall be maintained on a daily basis.

7). All disturbed ditches shall be stabilized by the end of each workday. Stabilization shall be maintained on a daily basis. Erosion control blanket shall be installed in the bottoms of all ditches except where a stone lining is planned. Seed shall be applied prior to the placement of the blanket.

8). If check dams are used, they shall be constructed of stone in accordance with the BMP Manual, Section 9. Hay Bale Temporary Check Dams are not allowed. Delete all reference to them in Section 9.

9). Dust control items other than those under *Standard Specification, Section 637 – Dust Control*, if applicable, shall be included in the plan.

10). Repairs to temporary erosion control practices shall occur within 24 hours after storm-related failures.

11). Permanent slope stabilization measures shall be applied within one week of the last soil disturbance. Permanent seeding shall be done in accordance with *Standard Specification, Section 618 - Seeding* unless the Contract states otherwise.

12). After November 1, the Contractor shall use winter stabilization methods, such as Erosion Control Mix as specified in *Standard Specification, Section 619 – Mulch*. If required, spring procedures for permanent stabilization shall also be described in the plan. Use of this product for over-winter temporary erosion control will be incidental to the contract and be paid for as part of Pay Item 656.75.

Permits & Cultural Resources Unit

Summary Sheet

PIN #: 11061.00
 Town: Pownal
 Permit Member: Ben Condon
 ENV Coordinator: Matt Steele
 Date submitted to ENV Coordinator: 9/28/04
 Database/Projex ☒

☒ Section 106 and Tribal Consultation

Architectural Resources	PA <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Archeological Resources	PA <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tribal Consultation	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ 4(f) and 6(f)

Section 4(f)	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
LAWCON 6(f)	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ FEMA

N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) Essential Habitat

Eagle Nest	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Piping Plover	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Roseate Tern	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Maine Department of Conservation/ Public Lands, Submerged Land Lease

N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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☒ Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) ☒ Not Applicable

No permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Site Location of Development

N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
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☒ Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), Natural Resource Protection Act

No permit required	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exempt	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Must use erosion and sediment control and not block fish passage.)
PBR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tier 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Tier 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

No permit required	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Category 1-NR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Category 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Category 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

☒ IN-STREAM TIMING RESTRICTIONS: 105 Special Provision ☒ n/a ☐

Dates instream work is allowed: 7/1 through 10/1

☒ Special Provision 656, Erosion Control Plan

*Boxes marked in red indicate items that are attached and need to be placed in the contract by the Project Manager.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)
PERMIT BY RULE NOTIFICATION FORM
(For use with DEP Regulation, Chapter 305)

■ MDOT PIN: 11061.00

Name of Applicant: State of Maine Department of Transportation Name of Contact: David Gardner
Mailing Address: 16 Station State House Town/City: Augusta State: Me. Zip Code: 04330-0016
Daytime Telephone #: (207)-624-3105 Name of Wetland, Water Body or Stream: Chandler Brook

Detailed Directions to Site: Bridge is located over Chandler Brook, 0.21 of a mile northerly of the North Yarmouth town line on Chadsey Road.

Town/City: Pownal Map #: N/A Lot #: N/A County: Cumberland

Description of Project: Project consists of bridge replacement and approach work, including transistions and guardrail improvements. The project will be performed in accordance with erosion control measures conforming with the latest versions of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges* and the *Department of Transportation's Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control*.

Part of a larger project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(CHECK ONE) This project... ☒ does ☐ does not ...involve work below mean low water.

I am filing notice of my intent to carry out work which meets the requirements for Permit By Rule (PBR) under DEP Regulation, Chapter 305. I have a copy of PBR Sections checked below. I have read and will comply with all of the standards.

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (2) Soil Disturbance | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (8) Shoreline stabilization | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (14) Piers, Wharves & Pilings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (3) Intake Pipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (9) Utility Crossing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (15) Public Boat Ramps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (4) Replacement of Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (10) Stream Crossing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (16) Coastal Sand Dune Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (5) REPEALED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sec. (11) State Transport. Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (17) Transfers/Permit Extension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (6) Movement of Rocks or Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (12) Restoration of Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (18) Maintenance Dredging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (7) Outfall Pipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. (13) F&W Creation/Enhance/Water Quality Improvement | |

I authorize staff of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and Marine Resources to access the project site for the purpose of determining compliance with the rules. I also understand that **this permit is not valid until approved by the Department or 14 days after receipt by the Department, whichever is less.**

I have attached all of the following required submittals. **NOTIFICATION FORMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS:**

- A \$55 (non-refundable) payment shall be done by internal billing.
- **Attach** a U.S.G.S. topo map or Maine Atlas & Gazetteer map with the project site clearly marked.
- ☐ **Attach** photographs showing existing site conditions (unless not required under standards).

Signature of Applicant: _____

John E. Dority, Chief Engineer

Date: 08/19/04

Keep the bottom copy as a record of permit. Send the form with attachments via certified mail to the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection **at the appropriate regional office listed below.** The DEP will send a copy to the Town Office as evidence of the DEP's receipt of notification. No further authorization by DEP will be issued after receipt of notice. Permits are valid for two years. **Work carried out in violation of any standard is subject to enforcement action.**

AUGUSTA DEP STATE HOUSE STATION 17 AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0017 (207)287-2111 PORTLAND DEP 312 CANCO ROAD PORTLAND, ME 04103 (207)822-6300 BANGOR DEP 106 HOGAN ROAD BANGOR, ME 04401 (207)941-4570 PRESQUE ISLE DEP 1235 CENTRAL DRIVE PRESQUE ISLE, ME 04769 (207)764-0477

OFFICE USE ONLY
PBR # FP

Ck.#

Date

Staff

Acc. Date

Staff

Def. Date

After Photos

Chapter 305: PERMIT BY RULE Section 11
State Transportation Facilities

- 1. Introduction.** A "permit by rule" or "PBR", when approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), is an approval for an activity that requires a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA). Only those activities described in this chapter may proceed under the PBR process. A PBR activity will not significantly affect the environment if carried out in accordance with this chapter, and generally has less of an impact on the environment than an activity requiring an individual permit. A PBR satisfies the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit requirement and Water Quality Certification requirement.

If a proposed activity is not described in this chapter, or will not be conducted in accordance with the standards of this chapter, the applicant must obtain an individual permit prior to beginning the activity.

- A. Location of activity.** The location of an activity may affect whether an activity qualifies for PBR, and whether review by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required.

- (1) Type of resource. For some types of activities, the availability of a PBR is affected by the type of natural resource in or adjacent to which the activity is proposed. For example, an applicant proposing an activity consisting of "Movement of rocks or vegetation" may receive a PBR only if the activity will take place in a great pond, river, stream or brook. Limitations concerning the location of activities are addressed in the "Applicability" provision in each section of this chapter.
- (2) Essential habitat. Essential habitats include areas critical to the survival of threatened and endangered species such as the bald eagle, least tern, roseate tern, and piping plover. If the activity is located in essential habitat, such as near an eagle nesting site, a PBR is only available if the applicant obtains written approval from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). This approval from IF&W must be submitted to the DEP with the PBR notification form, and the applicant must follow any conditions stated in the IF&W approval.

NOTE: Maps showing areas of essential habitat are available from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regional headquarters, municipal offices, the Land Use Regulation Commission (for unorganized territories) and DEP regional offices. If the activity is located in essential habitat, IF&W must be contacted to request and obtain a "certification of review and approval".

- B. Notification.** The applicant must file notice of the activity with the DEP prior to beginning work on the activity. The notification must be on a form provided by the DEP and must include any submissions required in this chapter. The applicant must keep a copy to serve as the permit.

The notification form must be sent to the DEP by certified mail (return receipt requested), or hand delivered to the DEP and date stamped by the department.

C. Effective period

- (1) Beginning of period. The PBR becomes effective 14 calendar days after the DEP receives the notification form, unless the DEP approves or denies the PBR prior to that date. If the DEP does not speak with or write to the applicant within this 14 day period regarding the PBR notification, the applicant may proceed to carry out the activity.

There are three exceptions regarding the effective date of an approved PBR:

- (a) Activities listed in Section 10 (Stream crossings) occurring in association with forest management are exempt from the 14 day waiting period.
- (b) Activities listed in Section 2 (Soil disturbance) and Section 10 (Stream crossings) performed or supervised by individuals currently certified in erosion control practices by the DEP are exempt from the 14 day waiting period. To be certified in erosion control practices, an individual must successfully complete all course requirements of the Voluntary Contractor Certification Program administered by the DEP's Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center.
- (c) Activities that are part of a larger project requiring a permit under the Site Location of Development or the Storm Water Management Acts may not proceed until any required permit under those laws is obtained.

NOTE: Activities that are part of a larger project may require other permits from the DEP also. These other laws may prohibit the start of construction of any part of the project unless a permit under that law is obtained. In these cases, while not a violation of this rule, starting work on a PBR approved activity would be a violation of those other applicable laws.

- (2) End of period. The PBR is generally effective for 2 years from the date of approval, except that a PBR for "Replacement of structures" under Section 4 is effective for 3 years.

NOTE: Activities that qualify under this chapter may need to meet other local, state and federal requirements. Examples -- (1) If an activity extends below the low water line of a lake, coastal wetland or international boundary water, the applicant should contact the Bureau of Parks and Lands (287-3061) concerning possible lease or easement requirements, or (2) If an activity will involve work below the mean high water line in navigable waters of the United States, the applicant should contact the Army Corps of Engineers (623-8367).

D. Discretionary authority. Notwithstanding compliance with the PBR applicability requirements and standards set forth in this chapter, the DEP may require an individual permit application to be filed in any case where credible evidence indicates that the activity:

- (1) May violate the standards of the NRPA (38 M.R.S.A. Section 480-D);
- (2) Could lead to significant environmental impacts, including cumulative impacts; or

- (3) Could adversely impact a resource of special concern.

If an individual permit is required pursuant to this subsection, the DEP shall notify the applicant in writing within the 14 calendar day waiting period described in sub-section (C) above. When the DEP notifies an applicant that an individual permit is required, no work may be conducted unless and until the individual permit is obtained.

E. Violations. A violation of law occurs when a person, or his or her agent, performs or causes to be performed any activity subject to the NRPA without first obtaining a permit from the DEP, or acts contrary to the provisions of a permit. The person, his or her agent, or both, may be held responsible for the violation. Commonly, the "person" is the landowner, and the "agent" is the contractor carrying out the activity. A violation occurs when:

- (1) An activity occurs that is not allowed under PBR, whether or not a PBR notification form has been filed with and/or approved by the DEP;
- (2) An activity occurs that is allowed under PBR, but a PBR for the activity has not become effective prior to the beginning of the activity; or
- (3) An activity occurs that is allowed under PBR and a PBR for the activity is in effect, but the standards specified in this chapter are not met.

See the "applicability" provision under each activity for rules concerning what activities are allowed under PBR. A PBR is only valid for the person listed on the notification form, or for his or her agent.

Each day that a violation occurs or continues is considered a separate offense. Violations are subject to criminal penalties and civil penalties of not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000 for each day of that violation (38 M.R.S.A. Section 349).

NOTE: A local Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) may take enforcement action for a violation of the Natural Resources Protection Act if he or she is authorized to represent a municipality in District Court, and he or she has been certified as familiar with court procedures, 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4452(7).

Chapter 305 Section 11**State transportation facilities****A. Applicability**

- (1) This section applies to the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement or minor construction of a State Transportation Facility carried out by, or under the authority of, the Maine Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority, including any testing or preconstruction engineering, and associated technical support services.
- (2) This section does not apply to an activity within a coastal sand dune system.

NOTE: The construction of a transportation facility other than roads and associated facilities may be subject to the Storm Water Management Law, 38 M.R.S.A. Section 420-D.

B. Standards

- (1) Photographs of the area to be altered by the activity must be taken before work on the site begins. The photographs must be kept on file and be made available at the request of the DEP.
- (2) The activity must be reviewed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources, the Atlantic Salmon Authority, and the DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment prior to the notification being filed with the DEP. The activity must be performed according to any recommendations from these authorities.
- (3) The activity must be performed in accordance with erosion control measures conforming with the State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges Revision of April 1995 and with the Department of Transportation's Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control, September 1997.

NOTE: Guidance on the use of erosion control best management practices can be obtained from the on site Construction Manager.

- (4) Alignment changes may not exceed a distance of 200 feet between the old and new center lines in any natural resource.
- (5) The activity may not alter more than 300 feet of shoreline (both shores added together) within a mile stretch of any river, stream or brook, including any bridge width or length of culvert.
- (6) The activity may not alter more than 150 feet of shoreline (both shores added together) within a mile stretch of any outstanding river segment identified in 38 M.R.S.A. 480-P, including any bridge width or length of culvert.
- (7) The activity must minimize wetland intrusion. The activity is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 310, the Wetland Protection Rules, if the activity alters less than 15,000 square feet

of natural resources per mile of roadway (centerline measurement) provided that the following impacts are not exceeded within the 15,000 square foot area:

- (a) 1,000 square feet of coastal wetland consisting of salt tolerant vegetation or shellfish habitat; or
- (b) 5,000 square feet of coastal wetland not containing salt tolerant vegetation or shellfish habitat; or
- (c) 1,000 square feet of a great pond.

All other activities must be performed in compliance with all sections of Chapter 310, the Wetland Protection Rules, except 310.2(C), 5(A), 9(1), 9(B) and 9(C).

- (8) The activity may not permanently block any fish passage in any watercourse containing fish. The applicant must improve passage beyond what restriction may already exist unless the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources, the Atlantic Salmon Authority and the DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment concur that the improvement is not necessary.
- (9) Rocks may not be removed from below the normal high water line of any coastal wetland, freshwater wetland, great pond, river, stream or brook except to the minimum extent necessary for completion of work within the limits of construction.
- (10) If work is performed in a river, stream or brook that is less than three feet deep at the time and location of the activity, with the exception of culvert installation, the applicant must divert flow away from the activity while work is in progress.
 - (a) Diversion may be accomplished by the use of stable, inert material. No more than two thirds (2/3) of stream width may be diverted at one time.
 - (b) Any material used to divert water flow must be completely removed upon completion of the activity, and the stream bottom must be restored to its original condition.
 - (c) A pump may be operated, where necessary, for a temporary diversion. The pump outlet must be located and operated such that erosion or the discharge of sediment to the water is prevented.

NOTE: Guidance on the appropriate location of a diversion and materials which should be used for a stream diversion can be obtained from the on site Construction Manager.

- (11) Wheeled or tracked equipment may not operate in the water. Equipment operating on the shore may reach into the water with a bucket or similar extension. Equipment may cross streams on rock, gravel or ledge bottom.
- (12) All wheeled or tracked equipment that must travel or work in a vegetated wetland area must travel and work on mats or platforms.

- (13) Any debris or excavated material must be stockpiled either outside the wetland or on mats or platforms. Hay bales or silt fence must be used, where necessary, to prevent sedimentation. Any debris generated during the activity must be prevented from washing downstream and must be removed from the wetland or water body. Disposal of debris must be in conformance with the Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act, 38 M.R.S.A. Section 1301 et seq.
- (14) Work below the normal high water line of a great pond, river, stream or brook must be done at low water except for emergency work or work agreed to by the resource agencies listed in paragraph 2 above. Measures, such as a silt boom or staked fencing, must be employed to reduce and isolate turbidity.
- (15) Perimeter controls must be installed before the work starts. Disturbance of natural resources beyond the construction limits shown on the plans is not allowed under this rule.

NOTE: Guidance on the location of construction limits can be obtained from the on site Construction Manager.

- (16) The use of untreated lumber is preferred. Lumber pressure treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) may be used, provided it is cured on dry land in a manner that exposes all surfaces to the air for a period of at least 21 days prior to construction. Wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol may not be used where it will contact water.
- (17) A temporary road for equipment access must be constructed of crushed stone, blasted ledge, or similar materials that will not cause sedimentation or restrict fish passage. Such roads must be completely removed at the completion of the activity. In addition, any such temporary roads which are in rivers, streams or brooks, must allow for a passage of stormwater flows associated with a 10-year storm.
- (18) Soil may not be disturbed during any period when soils are saturated due to rain or snow melt, except as necessary to protect work in progress or as required for bridge maintenance activities. Areas where soils are saturated (i.e. water drips from the soil when squeezed by hand, or the soil is capable of being rolled into a rod 1/8th inch in diameter that does not crumble) must be immediately mulched if they are disturbed.
- (19) Disturbed soil must be protected within one week from the time it was last actively worked, and prior to any storm event, using temporary or permanent measures such as the placement of riprap, sod, mulch, erosion control blankets, or other comparable measures.
- (20) Hay bale or straw mulch, where used, must be applied at a rate of at least one bale per 500 square feet (1 to 2 tons per acre).
- (21) If mulch is likely to be moved because of steep slopes or wind exposure, it must be anchored with netting, peg and twine, binder or other suitable method and must be maintained until a catch of vegetation is established over the entire disturbed area.

- (22) In addition to the placement of riprap, sod, erosion control blankets or mulch, additional steps must be taken where necessary to prevent sedimentation of the water. Evidence of sedimentation includes visible sheet, rill or gully erosion, discoloration of water by suspended particles and/or slumping of banks. Silt fences, staked hay bales and other sedimentation control measures, where planned for, must be in place prior to the commencement of an activity, but must also be installed whenever necessary to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

NOTE: Guidance on the location and proper installation of erosion control measures can be obtained from the on site Construction Manager.

- (23) Temporary erosion control measures must be maintained and inspected weekly until the site is permanently stabilized with vegetation or other permanent control measures. Erosion control measures must also be inspected immediately prior to and following storms.
- (24) Permanent erosion control measures protecting all disturbed areas must be implemented within 30 days from the time the areas were last actively worked, or for fall and winter activities by the following June 15, except where precluded by the type of activity (e.g. riprap, road surfaces, etc.). The permanent erosion control measures must be maintained.
- (25) The applicant shall immediately take appropriate measures to prevent erosion or sedimentation from occurring or to correct any existing problems, regardless of the time of year.
- (26) Non-native species may not be planted in restored areas.
- (27) Disposal of debris must be in conformance with Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act, 38 M.R.S.A. Sections 1301 et seq.
- (28) Disturbance of vegetation must be avoided, if possible. Where vegetation is disturbed outside of the area covered by any road or structure construction, it must be reestablished immediately upon completion of the activity and must be maintained.
- (29) A vegetated area at least 25 feet wide must be established and maintained between any new stormwater outfall structure and the high water line of any open water body. A velocity reducing structure must be constructed at the outlet of the stormwater outfall that will create sheet flow of stormwater, and prevent erosion of soil within the vegetated buffer. If the 25 foot vegetated buffer is not practicable, the applicant must explain the reason for a lesser setback in writing. Approval from the DEP must be in writing and any recommendations must be incorporated into the activity.

C. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) Diversion. A rerouting of a river, stream or brook to a location outside of its established channel.

- (2) Fill. a. (verb) To put into or upon, supply to, or allow to enter a water body or wetland any earth, rock, gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat, or debris; b. (noun) Material, other than structures, placed in or immediately adjacent to a wetland or water body.
- (3) Floodplain wetlands. Freshwater wetlands that are inundated with flood water during a 100-year flood event based on flood insurance maps produced by the Federal Emergency Agency or other site specific information.
- (4) Riprap. Rocks that are fit into place, usually without mortar, on a slope as defined in the State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridges, revision of April 1995.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

REPLY TO:
ATTENTION OF:

MAINE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT (PGP)
AUTHORIZATION LETTER AND SCREENING SUMMARY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

CORPS PERMIT # NAE-2004-2985
CORPS PGP ID# 04-401
STATE ID# PBR

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Place fill below the ordinary high water line of Chandler Brook and in adjacent freshwater wetlands at Pownal, Maine in order to replace the Chadsey Road bridge/culverts. Approximately 2010 square feet (0.04 acres) of stream bed and wetland will be impacted by the project.

PIN # 11061.00

LAT/LONG COORDINATES : 43.895632° N 70.2258235° W USGS QUAD: NORTH POWNAL, ME

I. CORPS DETERMINATION:

Based on our review of the information you provided, we have determined that your project will have only minimal individual and cumulative impacts on waters and wetlands of the United States. **Your work is therefore authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the enclosed Federal Permit, the Maine Programmatic General Permit (PGP).**

You must perform the activity authorized herein in compliance with all the terms and conditions of the PGP [including any attached Additional Conditions and any conditions placed on the State 401 Water Quality Certification including any required mitigation]. Please review the enclosed PGP carefully, including the PGP conditions beginning on page 5, to familiarize yourself with its contents. You are responsible for complying with all of the PGP requirements; therefore you should be certain that whoever does the work fully understands all of the conditions. You may wish to discuss the conditions of this authorization with your contractor to ensure the contractor can accomplish the work in a manner that conforms to all requirements.

If you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

Condition 36 of the PGP (page 12) provides one year for completion of work that has commenced or is under contract to commence prior to the expiration of the PGP on September 29, 2005. You will need to apply for reauthorization for any work within Corps jurisdiction that is not completed by September 29, 2006.

No work may be started unless and until all other required local, State and Federal licenses and permits have been obtained. **This includes but is not limited to a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by the town if necessary.** Also, this permit requires you to notify us before beginning work and allow us to inspect the project. Hence, you must complete and return the attached Work Start Notification Form(s) to this office no later than 2 weeks before the anticipated starting date. (For projects requiring mitigation, be sure to include the MITIGATION WORK START FORM).

II. STATE ACTIONS: PENDING [X], ISSUED [], DENIED [] DATE _____

APPLICATION TYPE: PBR: X, TIER 1: _____, TIER 2: _____, TIER 3: _____, LURC: _____, DMR LEASE: _____, NA: _____

III. FEDERAL ACTIONS:

JOINT PROCESSING MEETING: 9/2/04 LEVEL OF REVIEW: CATEGORY 1: _____ CATEGORY 2: X

AUTHORITY: SEC 10 _____, 404 X 10/404 _____, 103 _____

EXCLUSIONS: The exclusionary criteria identified in the general permit do not apply to this project.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): EFH PRESENT Y / N (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES: Based on the terms and conditions of the PGP, which are intended to ensure that authorized projects cause no more than minimal environmental impacts, the Corps of Engineers has preliminary determined that this project will not cause more than minimal adverse effects to **EFH** identified under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

FEDERAL RESOURCE AGENCY OBJECTIONS: EPA NO, USF&WS NO, NMFS NO

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact my staff at 207-623-8367 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

JAY L. CLEMENT
SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER
MAINE PROJECT OFFICE

FRANK J. DELGIUDICE
CHIEF, PERMITS & ENFORCEMENT BRANCH
REGULATORY DIVISION
DATE 27 SEP 2004



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New England District

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT
NO. NAE-2004-2985**

1. The permittee shall assure that a copy of this permit is at the work site whenever work is being performed and that all personnel performing work at the site of the work authorized by this permit are fully aware of the terms and conditions of the permit. This permit, including its drawings and any appendices and other attachments, shall be made a part of any and all contracts and sub-contracts for work which affects areas of Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction at the site of the work authorized by this permit. This shall be done by including the entire permit in the specifications for the work. If the permit is issued after construction specifications but before receipt of bids or quotes, the entire permit shall be included as an addendum to the specifications. The term "entire permit" includes permit amendments. Although the permittee may assign various aspects of the work to different contractors or sub-contractors, all contractors and sub-contractors shall be obligated by contract to comply with all environmental protection provisions of the entire permit, and no contract or sub-contract shall require or allow unauthorized work in areas of Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.
2. Adequate sedimentation and erosion control devices, such as geotextile silt fences or other devices capable of filtering the fines involved, shall be installed and properly maintained to minimize impacts during construction. These devices must be removed upon completion of work and stabilization of disturbed areas. The sediment collected by these devices must also be removed and placed upland, in a manner that will prevent its later erosion and transport to a waterway or wetland.
3. All exposed soils resulting from the construction will be promptly seeded and mulched in order to achieve vegetative stabilization.
4. Replacement culverts shall be installed with their inverts at or below existing stream bed grade so as to avoid "hanging" and associated impediments to fish passage.
5. Instream work shall be conducted between July 1 and October 1 of any year to protect fisheries and local water quality.

Permit No: GP-39

Effective Date: Sept. 29, 2000

Expiration Date: Sept. 29, 2005

Applicant: General Public, State of Maine

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT
STATE OF MAINE**

The New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby issues a programmatic general permit (PGP) that expedites review of minimal impact work in coastal and inland waters and wetlands within the State of Maine. Activities with minimal impacts, as specified by the terms and conditions of this general permit and on the attached DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES sheets, are either non-reporting (provided required local and state permits are received), or are reporting, to be screened by the Corps and Federal Resource Agencies for applicability under the general permit. This general permit does not affect the Corps individual permit review process or activities exempt from Corps jurisdiction.

Activities Covered: work and structures that are located in, or that affect, navigable waters of the United States (regulated by the Corps under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899) and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (regulated by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act), and the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposal in the ocean (regulated by the Corps under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

PROCEDURES:

A. State Approvals

For projects authorized pursuant to this general permit that are also regulated by the State of Maine, the following state approvals are also required and must be obtained in order for this general permit authorization to be valid (applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required state permits and approval have been obtained):

- (a) Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Natural Resources Protection Act permit, including permit-by-rule and general permit authorizations; Site Location and Development Act permit; and Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act.
- (b) Maine Department of Conservation: Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) permit.
- (c) Maine Department of Marine Resources: Lease.
- (d) Bureau of Public Lands, Submerged Lands: Lease.

Note that projects not regulated by the State of Maine (e.g., seasonal floats or moorings) may still be authorized by this general permit.

B. Corps Authorizations : Category I (Non-Reporting)

Work in Maine subject to Corps jurisdiction that meets the definition of Category I on the attached DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES sheets and that meets all of this permit's other conditions, does not require separate application to the Corps of Engineers. If the State or the Corps does not contact the applicant for PBRs and Tier One permits during the State's Tier One 30-day review period, Corps approval may be assumed and the project may proceed. Refer to the Procedures Section at Paragraph E below for additional information regarding screening.

Note that the review thresholds under Category I apply to single and complete projects only (see special condition 5). Also note that Category I does not apply to projects occurring in a component of, or within 0.25 miles up and downstream of the main stem or tributaries of a river segment of the National Wild and Scenic River System (see condition 11, and page 9 for the listed rivers in Maine).

There are also restrictions on other national lands or concerns which must be met in order for projects to be eligible for authorization under this PGP. Refer to special conditions 6-13 under Paragraph F below.

Work that is not regulated by the State of Maine, but that is subject to Corps jurisdiction, is eligible for Corps authorization under this PGP in accordance with the review thresholds and conditions contained herein.

Although Category I projects are non-reporting, the Corps reserves the right to require screening or an individual permit review if there are concerns for the aquatic environment or any other factor of the public interest (see special condition 4 on Discretionary Authority). The Corps review or State/Federal screening process may also result in project modification, mitigation or other special conditions necessary to minimize impacts and protect the aquatic environment as a requirement for PGP approval.

C. Corps Authorization: Category II (Reporting – requiring screening)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

For projects that do not meet the terms of Category I (see DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES sheets), the Corps, State, and Federal Resource Agencies will conduct joint screening meetings to review applications. If projects are concurrently regulated by the DEP or LURC, applicants do not need to submit separate applications to the Corps. For projects not regulated by DEP or LURC, applicants must submit an application to the Corps Maine Project Office for a case-by-case determination of eligibility under this general permit (Category II). **Category II projects may not proceed until written notification is received from the Corps.**

Category II projects which occur in a component of, or within 0.25 mile up or downstream of the main stem or tributaries of a river segment of the National Wild and Scenic River System, will be coordinated with the National Park Service (see special condition 11, and page 9 for listed rivers in Maine).

There are also restrictions on other national lands or concerns which must be met in order for projects to be eligible for authorization under this PGP. Refer to special conditions 6-14 under Paragraph E below.

Category II applicants shall submit a copy of their application materials to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and/or applicable Indian tribe(s) at the same time, or before, they apply to the DEP, LURC, or the Corps so that the project can be reviewed for the presence of historic/archaeological resources in the project area that may be affected by the proposed work. **Applications to the DEP or the Corps should include information to indicate that this has been done (applicant's statement or copy of cover letter to Maine Historic Preservation Commission and/or Indian tribe(s)).**

The Corps may require additional information on a case-by-case basis as follows:

- (a) purpose of project;
- (b) 8 1/2" by 11" plan views of the entire property including property lines and project limits with existing and proposed conditions (**legible, reproducible plans required**);
- (c) wetland delineation for the site, information on the basis of the delineation, and calculations of waterway and wetland impact areas (see special condition 2);
- (d) typical cross-section views of all wetland and waterway fill areas and wetland replication areas;
- (e) delineation of submerged aquatic vegetation, e.g., eel grass beds, in tidal waters;
- (f) area, type and source of fill material to be discharged into waters and wetlands, including the volume of fill below ordinary high water in inland waters and below the high tide line in coastal waters;
- (g) mean low, mean high water and high tide elevations in navigable waters;
- (h) limits of any Federal navigation project in the vicinity and State Plane coordinates for the limits of the proposed work closest to the Federal project;
- (i) on-site alternatives analysis (contact Corps for guidance);
- (j) identify and describe potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (contact Corps for guidance);
- (k) for dredging projects, include:
 - 1) the volume of material and area in square feet to be dredged below mean high water,
 - 2) existing and proposed water depths,
 - 3) type of dredging equipment to be used,
 - 4) nature of material (e.g., silty sand),

- 5) any existing sediment grain size and bulk sediment chemistry data for the proposed or any nearby projects,
- 6) information on the location and nature of municipal or industrial discharges and occurrences of any contaminant spills in or near the project area,
- 7) location of the disposal site (include locus sheet),
- 8) shellfish survey, and
- 9) sediment testing, including physical, chemical and biological testing. For projects proposing open water disposal, applicants are encouraged to contact the Corps as early as possible regarding sampling and testing protocols.

The Corps may request additional information. Dredging applicants may be required to conduct a shellfish and/or eel grass survey and sediment testing, including physical, chemical and biological testing. Sediment sampling and testing plans should be prepared or approved by the Corps before the samples are collected.

STATE-FEDERAL SCREENING PROCEDURES:

The Corps intends to utilize the application information required by the State for its regulatory program to the maximum extent practicable and the Corps normally will not be interacting with an applicant who is concurrently making application to the DEP or LURC. Projects not regulated by the State, but needing Corps of Engineers approval, **must apply directly to the Corps**. The joint screening meeting for Category II projects will occur regularly at the Corps or State offices and will involve representatives from the DEP, the Corps, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Corps and Federal Resource Agencies will classify the project within the State's review period, not to exceed 60 days, as: 1) approvable under the PGP as proposed; 2) needs additional information, including possible project modification, mitigation or other special conditions to minimize impacts; or 3) exceeds the terms or conditions of the PGP, including the minimal effects requirement, and an individual permit review will be required. In addition, the Corps retains the ability to exercise its discretionary authority and require an individual permit, irrespective of whether the terms and conditions of this general permit are met, based on concerns for the aquatic environment or any factor of the public interest (see special condition 4 on Discretionary Authority). All Category II projects must receive written approval from the Corps before work can proceed. If the project is not approvable as proposed, the DEP, LURC, or the Corps will contact the applicant to discuss the concerns raised. If the applicant is unable to resolve the concerns, the Corps, independently or at the request of the Federal Resource Agencies, will require an individual permit for the project. The applicant will be notified of this in writing, along with information about submitting the necessary application materials. The comments from the Federal Resource Agencies to the Corps may be verbal initially, and must be made within 10 working days of the screening meeting. These comments must be confirmed in writing within 10 calendar days of the verbal response if the Resource Agency(ies) will request an individual permit. The Federal Resource Agency's comments must reflect a concern within their area of expertise, state the species or resources that could be impacted by the project, and describe the impacts that either individually or cumulatively will be more than minimal.

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE (MMS) REVIEW

For Category II projects which involve construction of solid fill structures or discharge of fills along the coast which may extend the coastline or baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, coordination between the Corps and Minerals Management Service (MMS), Continental Shelf (OCS) Survey Group, will be needed (pursuant to the Submerged Lands Act, 43 U.S.C., Section 1301-1315, 33 CFR 320.4(f)). During the screening period, the Corps will forward project information to MMS for their review. MMS will coordinate their determination with the Department of the Interior (DOI) Solicitor's Office. The DOI will have 15 calendar days from the date MMS is in receipt of project information to determine if the baseline will be affected. No notification to the Corps within 15 day review period will constitute a "no affect" determination. Otherwise, the solicitor's notification to the Corps may be verbal but must be followed with a written confirmation within 10 business days from the date of the verbal notification. This procedure will be eliminated if the State of Maine provides a written waiver of interest in any increase in submerged lands caused by a change in the baseline resulting from solid fill structure or fills authorized under this general permit.

D. Corps Authorization: Category III (Individual Permit)

Work that is in the INDIVIDUAL PERMIT category on the attached DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES sheets, or that does not meet the terms and conditions of this general permit, will require an application for an individual permit from the Corps of Engineers (see 33 CFR Part 325.1). The screening procedures outlined above will only serve to delay project review in such cases. The applicant should submit the appropriate application materials (including the Corps application form) at the earliest possible date. General information and application forms can be obtained at (207) 623-8367 (Maine Field Office), (800) 343-4789, or (800) 362-4367 in Massachusetts. Individual water quality certification and coastal zone management consistency concurrence will be required from the State of Maine before Corps permit issuance.

E. Programmatic General Permit Conditions:

The following conditions apply to activities authorized under the PGP, including all Category I (non-reporting) and Category II (reporting – requiring screening) activities:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Other Permits.** Authorization under this general permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.
2. **Applicability of this general permit shall be evaluated with reference to Federal jurisdictional boundaries.** Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the boundaries used satisfy the federal criteria defined at 33 CFR 328-329.
3. **Minimal Effects.** Projects authorized by this general permit shall have minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental impacts as determined by the Corps.

4. **Discretionary Authority.** Notwithstanding compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the Corps of Engineers retains discretionary authority to require review for an individual permit based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest. This authority is invoked on a case-by-case basis whenever the Corps determines that the potential consequences of the proposal warrant individual review based on the concerns stated above. This authority may be invoked for projects with cumulative environmental impacts that are more than minimal or if there is a special resource or concern associated with a particular project that is not already covered by the remaining conditions of the PGP and that warrants greater review.

Whenever the Corps notifies an applicant that an individual permit may be required, authorization under this general permit is void and no work may be conducted until the individual Corps permit is obtained or until the Corps notifies the applicant that further review has demonstrated that the work may proceed under this general permit.

5. **Single and Complete Projects.** This general permit shall not be used for piecemeal work and shall be applied to single and complete projects. All components of a single project and/or all planned phases of multi-phased projects shall be treated together as constituting one single and complete project (e.g., subdivisions should include all work such as roads, utilities, and lot development). This general permit shall not be used for any activity that is part of an overall project for which an individual permit is required.

NATIONAL CONCERNS:

6. **St. John/St. Croix Rivers.** This covers work within the Saint John and Saint Croix River basins that requires approval of the International Joint Commission. This includes any temporary or permanent use, obstruction or diversion of international boundary waters which could affect the natural flow or levels of waters on the Canadian side of the line, as well as any construction or maintenance of remedial works, protective works, dams, or other obstructions in waters downstream from boundary waters when the activity could raise the natural level of water on the Canadian side of the boundary.
7. **Historic Properties.** Any activity authorized by this general permit shall comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Information on the location and existence of historic resources can be obtained from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the National Register of Historic Places. Federally recognized tribes (Penobscots, Passamaquoddys, Micmacs, and Maliseets) may know of the existence of other sites that may be of significance to their tribes. See page 14 for historic properties contacts.

Applicants with projects which will undergo the screening process (Category II) shall submit a copy of their application materials, with the name and address of the applicant clearly indicated, to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, 55 Capitol Street, State House Station 65, Augusta, Maine 04333, and to the applicable tribe(s) to be reviewed for the presence of historic and/or archaeological resources in the permit area that may be affected by the proposed work. The Corps will then be notified by the Commission and/or

Tribe within 10 days if there are State and/or tribal concerns that the proposed work will have an effect on historic resources. The applicant should include with their application to the State or the Corps either a copy of their cover letter or a statement of having sent their application material to the Commission and Tribe(s).

If the permittee, either prior to construction or during construction of the work authorized herein, encounters a previously unidentified archaeological or other cultural resource, within the area subject to Department of the Army jurisdiction, that might be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, he/she shall stop work and immediately notify the District Engineer and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and/or applicable Tribe(s).

8. **National Lands.** Activities authorized by this general permit shall not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, or any area administered by the National Park Service.
9. **Endangered Species.** No activity is authorized under this general permit which
 - may affect a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA),
 - is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat or proposed critical habitat of such species,
 - would result in a 'take' of any threatened or endangered species of fish or wildlife, or
 - would result in any other violation of Section 9 of the ESA protecting threatened or endangered species of plants.

Applicants shall notify the Corps if any listed species or critical habitat, or proposed species or critical habitat, is in the vicinity of the project and shall not begin work until notified by the District Engineer that the requirements of the Endangered Species Act have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (addresses attached, page 14).

10. **Essential Fish Habitat.** As part of the PGP screening process, the Corps will coordinate with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in accordance with the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation Management Act to protect and conserve the habitat of marine, estuarine and anadromous finfish, mollusks, and crustaceans. This habitat is termed "essential fish habitat (EFH)", and is broadly defined to include "those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity." Applicants may be required to describe and identify potential impacts to EFH based upon the location of the project, the activity proposed, and the species present. Conservation recommendations made by NMFS will normally be included as a permit requirement by the Corps. Information on the location of EFH can be obtained from the NMFS regulations (50 CFR Part 600) (address listed on page 14) and on their web site (<http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/webintro.html>).

The EFH designation for Atlantic salmon includes all aquatic habitats in the watershed of the following rivers and streams, including all tributaries to the extent that they are currently or were historically accessible for salmon migration:

St. Croix River	Pleasant River	Union River
Boyden River	Narraguagus River	Ducktrap River
Dennys River	Tunk Stream	Sheepscot River
Hobart Stream	Patten Stream	Kennebec River
Aroostook River	Orland River	Androscoggin River
East Machias River	Penobscot River	Presumpscot River
Machias River	Passagassawaukeag River	Saco River

11. **Wild and Scenic Rivers.** Any activity that occurs in a component of, or within 0.25 mile up or downstream of the main stem or tributaries of a river segment of the National Wild and Scenic River System, **must be reviewed by the Corps under the procedures of Category II of this general permit regardless of size of impact.** This condition applies to both designated wild and scenic rivers and rivers designated by Congress as study rivers for possible inclusion while such rivers are in an official study status. The Corps will consult with the National Park Service (NPS) with regard to potential impacts of the proposed work on the resource values of the Wild and Scenic River. The culmination of this coordination will be a determination by the NPS and the Corps that the work: (1) may proceed as proposed; (2) may proceed with recommended conditions; or (3) could pose a direct and adverse effect on the resource values of the river and an individual permit is required. If preapplication consultation between the applicant and the NPS has occurred whereby the NPS has made a determination that the proposed project is appropriate for authorization under this PGP (with respect to wild and scenic river issues), this determination should be furnished to the Corps with submission of the application. The address of the NPS can be found on Page 14 of this permit. *National Wild/Scenic Rivers System (Designated River in Maine) as of 5/2/00: Allagash River beginning at Telos Dam continuing to Allagash checkpoint at Eliza Hole Rapids, approximately 3 miles upstream of the confluence with the St. John River. Length = 92 miles*
12. **Federal Navigation Project.** Any structure or work that extends closer to the horizontal limits of any Corps navigation project than a distance of three times the project's authorized depth (see attached map following page 16 for locations of these projects) shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense prior to any future Corps dredging or the performance of periodic hydrographic surveys.
13. **Navigation.** There shall be no unreasonable interference with navigation by the existence or use of the activity authorized herein and no attempt shall be made by the permittee to prevent the full and free use by the public of all navigable waters at or adjacent to the activity authorized herein.

The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure

or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

14. **Federal Liability.** In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following: (a) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes; (b) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest; (c) damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit; (d) design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work; (e) damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

MINIMIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

15. **Minimization.** Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States shall be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable, regardless of review category.
16. **Work in Wetlands.** Heavy equipment working in wetlands shall be avoided if possible, and **if required, shall be placed on mats or other measures taken** to minimize soil and vegetation disturbance. Disturbed areas in wetlands shall be restored to preconstruction contours and conditions upon completion of the work.
17. **Temporary Fill.** Temporary fill in waters and wetlands authorized by this general permit (e.g., access roads, cofferdams) shall be properly stabilized during use to prevent erosion. Temporary fill in wetlands shall be placed on geotextile fabric laid on existing wetland grade. Temporary fills shall be disposed of at an upland site, suitably contained to prevent erosion and transport to a waterway or wetland. Temporary fill areas shall be restored to their approximate original contours but not higher. No temporary fill shall be placed in waters or wetlands unless specifically authorized by the Corps.
18. **Sedimentation and Erosion Control.** Adequate sedimentation and erosion control management measures, practices and devices, such as phased construction, vegetated filter strips, geotextile silt fences or other devices, shall be installed and properly maintained to reduce erosion and retain sediment on-site during and after construction. They shall be capable of preventing erosion, of collecting sediment, suspended and floating materials, and of filtering fine sediment. These devices shall be removed upon completion of work and the disturbed areas shall be stabilized. The sediment collected by these devices shall be removed and placed at an upland location in a manner that will prevent its later erosion into a waterway or wetland. All exposed soil and other fills shall be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.

19. **Waterway Crossings.**

- (a) All temporary and permanent crossings of waterbodies shall be suitably culverted, bridged, or otherwise designed to withstand and to prevent the restriction of high flows, to maintain existing low flows, and to not obstruct the movement of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody beyond the actual duration of construction.
- (b) Temporary bridges, culverts, or cofferdams shall be used for equipment access across streams (NOTE: areas of fill and/or cofferdams must be included in total waterway/wetlands impacts to determine applicability of this general permit).
- (c) For projects that otherwise meet the terms of Category I, instream construction work shall be conducted during the low flow period July 15 - October 1 in any year. Projects that are not to be conducted during that time period are ineligible for Category I and shall be screened pursuant to Category II, regardless of the waterway and wetland fill and/or impact area.

20. **Discharge of Pollutants.** All activities involving any discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States authorized under this general permit shall be consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent limitations, standards of performance, prohibitions, and pretreatment standards and management practices established pursuant to the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251) and applicable state and local laws. If applicable water quality standards, limitations, etc., are revised or modified during the term of this permit, the authorized work shall be modified to conform with these standards within six months of the effective date of such revision or modification, or within a longer period of time deemed reasonable by the District Engineer in consultation with the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Applicants may presume that state water quality standards are met with issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification.

21. **Spawning Areas.** Discharges into known 1) fish and shellfish spawning or nursery areas; and 2) amphibian and waterfowl breeding areas, during spawning or breeding seasons shall be avoided, and impacts to these areas shall be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable during all times of year.

22. **Storage of Seasonal Structures.** Coastal structures such as pier sections and floats that are removed from the waterway for a portion of the year shall be stored in an upland location located above mean high water and not in tidal marsh.

23. **Environmental Values.** The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to carry out the construction or operation of the work authorized herein in a manner so as to maintain as much as is practicable, and to minimize any adverse impacts on, existing fish and wildlife and natural environmental values.

24. **Protection of Vernal Pools.** Impacts to uplands in proximity (within 500 feet) to the vernal pools referenced in DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES shall be minimized to the maximum extent possible.

PROCEDURAL CONDITIONS:

25. **Cranberry Development Projects.** For Cranberry development projects authorized under the PGP, the following conditions apply:
1. If a cranberry bog is abandoned for any reason, the area must be allowed to convert to natural wetlands unless an individual permit is obtained from the Corps of Engineers allowing the discharge of fill for an alternate use.
 2. No stream diversion shall be allowed under this permit.
 3. No impoundment of perennial streams shall be allowed under this permit.
 4. The project shall be designed and constructed to not cause flood damage on adjacent properties.
26. **Inspections.** The permittee shall permit the District Engineer or his authorized representative(s) to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to ensure that the work is being performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The District Engineer may also require post-construction engineering drawings for completed work, and post-dredging survey drawings for any dredging work. **To facilitate these inspections, the attached work notification form should be filled out and returned to the Corps for all Category II projects.**
27. **Maintenance.** The permittee shall maintain the work or structures authorized herein in good condition, including maintenance, to ensure public safety. Dredging projects: note that this does not include maintenance of dredging projects. Maintenance dredging is subject to the review thresholds described on the attached DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES sheets and/or any conditions included in a written Corps authorization.
28. **Property Rights.** This permit does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. **If property associated with work authorized by the PGP is sold, the PGP authorization is automatically transferred to the new property owner. The new property owner should provide this information to the Corps in writing. No acknowledgement from the Corps is necessary.**
29. **Modification, Suspension, and Revocation.** This permit may be either modified, suspended, or revoked, in whole or in part, pursuant to the policies and procedures of 33 CFR 325.7 and any such action shall not be the basis for any claim for damages against the United States.
30. **Restoration.** The permittee, upon receipt of a notice of revocation of authorization under this permit, shall restore the wetland or waterway to its former condition without expense to the United States and as directed by the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative. If the permittee fails to comply with such a directive, the Secretary or his designee may restore the wetland or waterway to its former condition, by contract or otherwise, and recover the cost from the permittee.

31. **Special Conditions.** The Corps, independently or at the request of the Federal Resource Agencies, may impose other special conditions on a project authorized pursuant to this general permit that are determined necessary to minimize adverse environmental effects or based on any other factor of the public interest. Failure to comply with all conditions of the authorization, including special conditions, will constitute a permit violation and may subject the permittee to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties or restoration.
32. **False or Incomplete Information.** If the Corps makes a determination regarding the eligibility of a project under this permit and subsequently discovers that it has relied on false, incomplete, or inaccurate information provided by the permittee, the permit shall not be valid and the government may institute appropriate legal proceedings.
33. **Abandonment.** If the permittee decides to abandon the activity authorized under this general permit, unless such abandonment is merely the transfer of property to a third party, he/she must restore the area to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.
34. **Enforcement cases.** This general permit does not apply to any existing or proposed activity in Corps jurisdiction associated with an on-going Corps of Engineers or Environmental Protection Agency enforcement action until such time as the enforcement action is resolved or the Corps determines that the activity may proceed independently without compromising the enforcement action. The Corps may choose not to accept applications or issue permits to any applicant with outstanding violations.
35. **Emergency situations.** This PGP can be used to authorize the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of those structures destroyed by storms, floods, fire or other discrete unexpected and catastrophic event. In such situations and if the work exceeds Category I limitations, if applicant applies to the Corps within 30 days of the event, the Corps will attempt to contact the resource agencies for their approvals but, if unable to contact them, will issue an emergency permit and review them after-the-fact with the agencies at the next joint processing meeting. Proposed work submitted more than 30 days after the emergency will go through the standard PGP procedures.

DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION/GRANDFATHERING:

36. **Duration of Authorization.** Activities authorized under this general permit that have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contract to commence in reliance upon this authorization will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within twelve months of the date of the general permit's expiration, modification, or revocation, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 325.2 (e)(2). Activities completed under the authorization of the general permit that was in effect at the time the activity was completed will continue to be authorized by the general permit.

37. Previously Authorized Activities.

- (a) Activities which have commenced (i.e., are under construction or are under contract to commence) prior to the issuance date of this general permit, in reliance upon the terms and conditions of the non-reporting category of the previous Maine PGP shall remain authorized provided the activity is completed within twelve months of the date of issuance of this general permit, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with special condition 4. The applicant must be able to document to the Corps satisfaction that the project was under construction or contract by the appropriate date.
- (b) Projects that have received written verification or approval from the Corps, based on applications made to the Corps prior to issuance of this general permit, for the previous Maine SPGP and PGP, Nationwide permits, regional general permits, or letters of permission shall remain authorized as specified in each authorization.
- (c) This general permit does not affect activities authorized pursuant to 33 CFR Part 330.3 (activities occurring before certain dates).

{PRIVATE}DISTRICT
ENGINEER_____

DATE_____

CONTACTS FOR MAINE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Project Office
675 Western Avenue #3
Manchester, Maine 04351
207-623-8367
Fax # 207-623-8206

Federal Endangered Species
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Maine Field Office
1033 South Main Street
Old Town, Maine 04468
207-827-5938
Fax # 207-827-6099

Wild and Scenic Rivers
National Park Service
North Atlantic Region
15 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
617-223-5203

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
55 Capitol Street
State House Station 65
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-287-2132
Fax # 207-287-2335

Aroostook Band of Micmacs
P.O. Box 772
Presque Isle, Maine 04769
207-764-1972
Fax # 207-764-7667

Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
Pleasant Point Reservation
Attn: Tribal Council
P.O. Box 343
Perry, Maine 04667
207-853-2600
Fax # 207-853-6039

*Federal Endangered Species and Essential
Fish Habitat*
National Marine Fisheries Service
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01939
978-281-9102
Fax # 978-281-9301

Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Attn: Brenda Commander, Tribal Chief
Route 3 – Box 450
Houlton, Maine 04730
207-532-4273
Fax # 207-532-2660

Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
Indian Township Reservation
Attn: Donald Soctomah
P.O. Box 301
Princeton, Maine 04668
207-796-2301
Fax # 207-796-5256

Penobscot Indian Nation
Richard Hamilton, Chief
6 River Road
Indian Island Reservation
Old Town, Maine 04468
(207) 827-7776
Fax # 207-827-1137

*Maine Department of Environmental Protection
(For State Permits and Water Quality
Certifications)*

Natural Resources Division
Bureau of Land and Water Quality Control
State House Station 17
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-287-2111

Southern Maine Regional Office
312 Canco Road
Portland, Maine 04103
201-822-6300

Eastern Maine Regional Office
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, Maine 04401
207-941-4570

Northern Maine Regional Office
1235 Central Drive
Skyway Park
Presque Isle, Maine 04769
207-764-0477

*Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC)
offices*

22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022
207-287-2631
800-452-8711 (call to obtain appropriate LURC
office)
Fax # 207-287-7439

45 Radar Road
Ashland, ME 04732-3600
207-435-7963
Fax # 207-435-7184

Lakeview Drive
P.O. Box 1107
Greenville, ME 04441
207-695-2466
Fax # 207-695-2380

191 Main Street
East Millinocket, ME 04430
207-746-2244
Fax # 207-746-2243

(For CZM Determinations)

State Planning Office
Coastal Program
184 State Street
State House Station 38
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-287-1009

*Maine Department of Marine Resources
(For Aquaculture Leases)*
McKown Point
Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575
207-633-9500

(For Submerged Lands Leases)

Maine Department of Conservation
Bureau of Parks and Lands
22 State House Station
207-287-3061

A. INLAND WETLANDS (WATERS OF THE U.S.)¹	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(a) NEW FILL/ EXCAVATION DISCHARGES	<p>Less than 4,300 sf inland waterway and/or wetland fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared).</p> <p>-- Includes projects covered by a State Tier One permit with no cumulative impacts over 15,000 sf in inland wetlands from previous permits, unauthorized work, and/or other state permits.</p> <p>--Includes crossing of perennial waterways designated as Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic salmon² if the waterway is crossed with a span and footprints of the span abutments are outside ordinary high water with no more than 4,300 sf of associated wetland impact.</p> <p>--Includes in-stream work of up to 4,300 sf of fill below ordinary high water in waterways not designated as EFH for Atlantic salmon² and performed in accordance with Maine Permit By Rule standards or a LURC permit.</p>	<p>4,300 sf to 3 acres inland waterway and/or wetland fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared).</p> <p>--Impact area includes all temporary and permanent fill and excavation discharges except for incidental fallback.</p> <p>--Includes in-stream work, including crossings (other than spanned crossing as described in Category I) with any discharge of fill below ordinary high water in perennial waterways designated as EFH for Atlantic salmon².</p> <p>--Time of year restrictions determined case-by-case.</p>	<p>Greater than 3 acres inland waterway and/or wetland fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared).</p> <p>--Impact area includes all temporary and permanent fill and excavation discharges except for incidental fallback³.</p> <p>In-stream work exceeding Category II limits.</p> <p>If EIS required by the Corps.</p>

¹ Waters of the U.S. in inland rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands.

² Essential Fish Habitat for Atlantic salmon includes all aquatic habitats in the watersheds of the following rivers and streams, including all tributaries to the extent that they are currently or were historically accessible for salmon migration: St. Croix, Boyden, Dennys, Hobart Stream, Aroostook, East Machias, Machias, Pleasant, Narraguagus, Tunk Stream, Patten Stream, Orland, Penobscot, Passagassawaukeag, Union, Ducktrap, Sheepscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Presumpscot, and Saco River.

The larger the impacts, the more likely an individual permit will be required. Projects involving widening, expansion or impacts to degraded or low value wetlands between 1-3 acres may be approved under Category II, subject to the Federal screening. The Corps recognizes and endorses the DEP Tier 2 upper thresholds of 1 acre. Compensatory mitigation is likely to be required at this level of impact.

	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(a) NEW FILL/ EXCAVATION DISCHARGES (continued)	<p>--Impact area includes all temporary and permanent fill and excavation discharges except for incidental fallback.</p> <p>--In-stream work limited to July 15-Oct. 1.</p> <p>--This category excludes situations when a vernal pool of any size may be impacted, in accordance with the ME DEP definition of vernal pool⁴.</p> <p>--This category excludes work within ¼ mile of a Wild and Scenic River⁵.</p> <p>--This category excludes dams, dikes, or activities involving water withdrawal or water diversion.</p> <p>--This category excludes work in National Wildlife Refuges.</p>	Proactive restoration projects with any amount of impact can be reviewed under Category II. The Corps, in consultation with State and Federal agencies, must determine that net adverse effects are not more than minimal.	
(b) BANK STABILIZATION PROJECTS	<p>Inland bank stabilization less than 500 ft. long and less than 1 cy fill per linear foot below ordinary high water in ponds, lakes, and waterways not designated as EFH for Atlantic Salmon², provided there is no wetland fill.</p> <p>--In-stream work limited to July 15-October 1.</p>	<p>--Inland bank stabilization in ponds, lakes, and waterways not designated as EFH for Atlantic salmon² which exceeds Category I limits.</p> <p>--Inland bank stabilization of any size below ordinary high water in waterways designed as EFH for Atlantic salmon².</p> <p>--Other stabilization exceeding Category I.</p>	
(c) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTHORIZED FILLS	<p>Repair or maintenance of existing, currently serviceable, authorized fills with no substantial expansion or change in use.</p>	Replacement of non-serviceable fills, or repair or maintenance of serviceable fills with expansion of any amount up to 1 acre, or with a change in use.	Replacement of non-serviceable fills, or repair or maintenance of serviceable fills with greater than 1 acre of expansion.

⁴ Vernal Pool: Naturally-occurring, or intentionally created for the purposes of compensatory mitigation, temporary to permanent bodies of water occurring in shallow depressions that fill during the spring and fall and may dry during the summer. Vernal pools have no permanent or viable populations of predatory fish. Vernal pools provide the primary breeding habitat for wood frogs, spotted salamanders, blue-spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp, and provide habitat for other wildlife including several endangered and threatened species.

⁵ National Wild/Scenic Rivers System (Designated River in Maine): Allagash River beginning at Telos Dam continuing to Allagash checkpoint at Eliza Hole Rapids, approximately 3 miles upstream of the confluence with the St. John River. Length = 92 miles

B. TIDAL WATERS AND NAVIGABLE WATERS⁶	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(a) FILL		<p>Up to 1 acre waterway or wetland fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared). Includes temporary and permanent waterway fill.</p> <p>--Temporary tidal marsh impacts up to 1 acre.</p> <p>--Permanent tidal marsh, mudflat, or vegetated shallows⁷ fill up to 1,000 sf.</p> <p>-- Proactive restoration projects with any amount of impact can be reviewed under Cat. II. The Corps, in consultation with State and Federal agencies, must determine that net adverse effects are not more than minimal.</p>	<p>Greater than 1 acre waterway fill and secondary impacts (e.g., areas drained, flooded or cleared). Includes temporary and permanent waterway fill.</p> <p>--Temporary tidal marsh impacts over 1 acre.</p> <p>--Permanent tidal marsh, mudflat, or vegetated shallows⁶ fill over 1,000 sf.</p>
(b) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK	<p>Repair or maintenance of existing, currently serviceable, authorized structure or fill with no substantial expansion or change in use.</p> <p>--Work must be in same footprint as original structure or fill.</p>	<p>Repair or replacement of any non-serviceable structure or fill, or repair or maintenance of serviceable fills, with expansion of any amount up to 1 acre, or with a change in use.</p>	<p>Replacement of non-serviceable structures or fill or repair or maintenance of serviceable structures or fill with expansion greater than 1 acre.</p>

⁶ Navigable Waters: waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and Federally designated navigable waters (Penobscott River to Medway, Kennebec River to Moosehead Lake, and the portion of Umbagog Lake in Maine).

⁷ Vegetated Shallows: subtidal areas that support rooted aquatic vegetation such as eelgrass.

	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(c) DREDGING	<p>Maintenance dredging of less than 1,000 cy with upland disposal.</p> <p>--Proper siltation controls used</p> <p>--Limited to work between November 1 and January 15</p> <p>--No impact to special aquatic sites⁸.</p>	<p>Maintenance dredging of greater than 1,000 cy, new dredging of up to 25,000 cy, or projects that do not meet Category I. Disposal includes upland, open water or beach nourishment (above mean high water), only if material is determined suitable.</p>	<p>Maintenance dredging (any amount) in or affecting special aquatic sites⁷.</p> <p>See B(a) above for dredge disposal in wetlands or waters.</p> <p>New dredging greater than 25,000 cy or any amount in or affecting special aquatic sites⁷.</p>
(d) MOORINGS	<p>--Private, non-commercial, non-rental single boat moorings not associated with any boating facility⁹ provided not located in a Federal Navigation Project, there is no interference with navigation, it is not located in vegetated shallows⁶, and it is within ¼ mile of the owner's residence or a public access point¹⁰.</p> <p>--Minor relocation of previously authorized moorings and moored floats consistent with Harbormaster recommendations, provided it is also consistent with local regulations, is not located in vegetated shallows, and does not interfere with navigation.</p>	<p>Moorings that do not meet the terms of Category I (e.g., rental or service moorings) and moorings that meet the terms of Category I that are located in a Federal anchorage.</p>	<p>Moorings within the horizontal limits, or with moored vessels that extend, into the horizontal limits of a Federal Navigation Project, except those in Federal anchorages under Category II.</p>

⁸ Special Aquatic Sites: include wetlands and salt marsh, mudflats, riffles and pools, and vegetated shallows.

⁹ Boating Facilities: facilities that provide, rent, or sell mooring space, such as marinas, yacht, clubs, boat clubs, boat yards, town facilities, dockominiums, etc.

¹⁰ Cannot be at a remote location to create a convenient transient anchorage.

	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
(e) PILE-SUPPORTED STRUCTURES AND FLOATS	Reconfiguration of existing authorized docks, provided structures are not positioned over vegetated shallows ⁶ or salt marsh and provided floats are supported off substrate at low tide. No dredging, additional slips or expansion allowed.	Private piers and floats for navigational access to waterway (seasonal and permanent).	Structures, piers or floats that extend, or with docked/moored vessels that extend, into the horizontal limits of a Federal Navigation Project. Structures, including piers and floats, associated with a new or previously unauthorized boating facility ⁸ .
(f) MISCELLANEOUS	<p>--Temporary buoys, markers, floats, etc., for recreational use during specific events, provided they are removed within 30 days after use is discontinued.</p> <p>--Coast Guard approved aids to navigation.</p> <p>--Oil spill clean-up temporary structures or fill.</p> <p>--Fish/wildlife harvesting structures/fill (as defined by 33 CFR 330, App. A-4)</p> <p>--Scientific measurement devices and survey activities such as exploratory drilling, surveying or sampling.</p> <p>--Shellfish seeding (brushing the flats) projects¹¹</p> <p>--Does <u>not</u> include oil or gas exploration and fills for roads or construction pads.</p> <p>--This category excludes work in National Wildlife Refuges.</p>	<p>--Structures or work in or affecting tidal or navigable waters that are not defined under any of the previous headings. Includes, but is not limited to, utility lines, aerial transmission lines, pipelines, outfalls, boat ramps, bridge fills/abutments, etc.</p> <p>--Shellfish/finfish (other than Atlantic salmon), or other aquaculture facilities which are consistent with the Corps revised standard siting requirements and standard permit conditions dated 7/6/94, or as revised.</p>	If EIS required by Corps.

¹¹ Brushing the flats: the placement of tree boughs, wooden lath structures, or small-mesh fencing on mudflats for the purpose of enhancing recruitment of soft-shell clams (*Mya arenaria*).

WORK START NOTIFICATION FORM

(Minimum Notice: Two Weeks before Work Begins)

MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
Regulatory Branch
Policy Analysis/Technical Support Section
696 Virginia Road
Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751

A Corps of Engineers Permit (No. _____) was issued to the permittee. The permit authorized the permittee to _____

The people (e.g., contractor) listed below will do the work, and they understand the permit's conditions and limitations.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Person/Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ (____) _____

Proposed Work Dates: Start: _____ Finish: _____

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____

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PM: _____ Submittals Required: _____

Inspection Recommendation: _____

MITIGATION WORK-START NOTIFICATION FORM
(Minimum Notice: Two Weeks Before Mitigation Work Begins)

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Regulatory Branch
Policy Analysis/Technical Support Section
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Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751

Corps of Engineers Permit No. () was issued to **[insert name of permittee]**. The permit authorized the permittee to **[insert brief description of the authorized work and location]**.

The permit required compensatory mitigation. **[Briefly describe the requirements, including, if applicable, submitting a final mitigation plan and monitoring reports.]**

Those listed below will do the mitigation, including monitoring and remediation if required. They understand the requirements of the permit and the mitigation and monitoring plan.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Environmental
Consultant/Scientist

Mitigation
Contractor

Name of Person/Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ () _____

Proposed Mitigation Work Dates: Start _____ Finish _____

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____

Corps PMs: _____